

**TALK OF THE TOWN**

Trunks and suit cases at Blackledge's Furniture store. 5-17-tf

Tom Read, of Wren, was a Corvallis visitor yesterday.

For Sale—Household furniture at 857 Tyler street. Phone 2264. 6-9-10 t.

Acme Quality Paints and Floor Varnish that wears at A. L. Miner's. 5-17-tf.

Call up the Palace of Sweets for your ice cream and sherbets. Free delivery. 5-6-tf

Wanted—Girl or woman for light house work. Family of two. Inquire through phone. 1180 6-5-tf

Miss Pearl Horner is visiting with her sister Vera who is a student at the State University at Eugene.

Gertie McBee and Grettie Harrington went to Portland today to witness the parade and see the Rose show.

General repair shop. All work first-class, promptly done. Back of Beal Bros., blacksmith shop, Wood Bros. 5-17-tf

Miss Grace Davis left for her home at Chitwood, Lincoln county, today, after a visit with friends in this city.

H. M. Stone left yesterday for Portland to attend the funeral of his brother which is being held in that city today.

Lost—Cloud agate brooch, about a month or more ago. Finder return to 402 North Third and Harrison streets and receive reward. (-)-1t.

WANTED.—By young lady to engage place to work for next fall. Will want to attend college. Address 446 18th and Tyler streets, city. 5 24 tf

Must be sold at once, three lots on Main street; one lot on First street; two lots on Third street. All well located. A bargain, Hughes & Miller, 140, Second street. 6-7-tf.

The Willamette Valley lighting company, as an inducement to customers to pay their bills promptly on the eighth of the month, have given away a number of electric irons and R. E. Heater was kindly remembered in the distribution.

Mary's Peak Camp, No. 126, W. C. W., at their meeting last night, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: A. K. Russ, Council Commander, A. T. Grugett, Advisory Lieutenant, Walter Taylor Escort, A. N. Woods, Watchman, Charles Hansen, Secretary, and S. L. Kline Manager. A banquet was served, without program.

The meeting of the Ladies Missionary Society at the Coville residence yesterday afternoon was an exceedingly interesting social affair. About eighty were present to enjoy the hospitality of the ladies and listen to the splendid program. The Albany delegation were met at the depot and conveyed to the meeting in autos the list being headed by Mayor Watters and other gentlemen who seemed pleased to help the ladies entertain their visitors. The refreshments were prepared and served with good taste and the basket collection a material aid to the work in hand. It was particularly pleasing to note the number of visitors from Albany thus cultivating that spirit of friendship that should be greatly extended between the two towns. After the meeting the visitors were driven through the college grounds and about the city expressing themselves highly pleased at the royal manner in which they had been entertained.

Read the DAILY GAZETTE for all news.

A good horse for sale, \$35. See J. J. Howser, 521 S. Second St. 6-8-2t

The OAC Cadets will take a prominent position in the parade at Portland today after which they will leave on the special train for Corvallis.

Senator A. J. Johnson is in Portland today and will watch the parade with great interest his daughter Cleo having a prominent position as representative from Benton.

M. M. Long is mourning over the loss of two barrels of pigeons and two cases of shells that were taken from the building on the flat. If captured the boys will become the stool pigeons.

Evelyn Waher, of Fort Madison, Iowa, arrived yesterday and is a guest at the M. Bauer home. She has been teaching in Idaho and will likely take a course in the summer school while here.

Mary's Peak Chapter, W. O. W. will change their place of meeting from the Pauline Kline Hall, over Allen & Woodward's drug store to the I. O. O. F. hall. The meeting night will also be changed from second Wednesday to third Monday in each month.

The Bellfountain picnic on June 19 will be one of unusual interest. They will have an interesting program and a big field meet between Corvallis and Bellfountain. The Bellfountain boys are strong in muscular development, great in power of endurance and it is said they can clear a grub oak twenty feet high at a single bound and turn a double summersault while passing through the air. They have blood in their eyes and will give the Corvallis bunch a hard tussle.

The Robinson Cate Realty Company report the sale of 360 acres of the D. B. Farley farm lying 2 1/2 miles east of Monroe on the Junction City road, to George Emming and Charles Gerlach, both of Great Falls, Montana. The price paid was \$35 per acre and as the land is well improved it certainly was a bargain. Mr. Gerlach came here about three months ago and now lives on the W. J. Willbank farm across the river. Mr. Emming will return to Montana and clean up his business affairs there as rapidly as possible and he will then return to Oregon to make extensive improvements on the new home.

**Trouble Makers Ousted.**

When a sufferer from stomach trouble takes Dr. King's New Life Pills he's mighty glad to see his Dyspepsia and Indigestion fly, but more—he's tickled over his new, fine appetite, strong nerves, healthy vigor, all because stomach, liver and kidneys now work right. 25c at all druggists.

**Singers Wanted**

One hundred and fifty singers are wanted to form the chorus for the fifth of July exercises. First rehearsal Monday June, 21st at 7:30 o'clock p. m. at the Presbyterian Church. Prof. Gaskins, director of the OAC School of Music, will have charge of the music and hopes that all who like to sing will lend their assistance. 6-8-tf.

**Hay Baler**

Will rent on the shares for the season's run, a Hay Baler. Address M. S. Woodcock, Corvallis, Oregon. 6-7-D4.Wtf.

**DIG FARMING WAGER**

Bet of \$10,000 on International Grain Growing Contest.

**AMERICA VERSUS CANADA.**

Crops of Oats to Be Grown at Laramie, Wyo., and at Lethbridge, in Western Canada, to Decide Relative Merits of Farming by Irrigation and Natural Rainfall.

The relative merits of farming by irrigation and by natural rainfall and whether or not the United States or western Canada can produce a larger crop of oats are to be decided for a bet of \$10,000 in cash, according to the terms of a contest which was recently arranged between farmers of Laramie, Wyo., and Lethbridge, Alberta, says a Cheyenne (Wyo.) dispatch. The \$10,000 has been posted, and all the details of the contest have been arranged.

Colonel E. J. Bell of Laramie, owner of the largest farm in Wyoming, put up the \$10,000 which says that irrigation and the United States can do better than Canada. A syndicate of farmers around Lethbridge, Alberta, headed by Professor W. H. Fairchild of that city, has covered Colonel Bell's money and says that natural rainfall and Canadian soil can raise more oats to the acre than can Colonel Bell, Wyoming and irrigation.

On the American side the oats which will be entered in the contest will be grown by Colonel Bell himself on his great Laramie plains farm. This farm is more than 7,000 feet above sea level, on the western slope of the first range of the Rocky mountains, and depends entirely upon irrigation for its moisture during the summer. For years Colonel Bell has paid particular attention to the raising of oats, and he holds a record of 137 bushels to the acre. By carefully selecting the seed, specially preparing the soil and closely watching his ditches to see that just the necessary amount of water reaches his oats at the needful time Colonel Bell says he can considerably increase the yield of his oat fields.

In Canada the prize oats will be grown by farmers around Lethbridge, with Professor W. H. Fairchild in charge of the preparations and the harvest. Professor Fairchild has for years studied the crops in southern Alberta, and many of the great yields of wheat and oats from Canadian fields are due to the adoption of his theories by the farmers of his section.

There are only two rules to the contest. One of them is that the yield from 100 acres in one body must be considered. The other rule is that the oats entered must be "standard" grade or better. Either contestant may prepare the ground, sow his seed, cultivate and harvest in any manner he chooses. Nothing but the result from 100 acres will count in awarding the prize. The Alberta farmers themselves are something in the way of oat raisers, and government reports from that province show that yields of 120 to 125 bushels per acre are common. Oat straw five feet in height is the ordinary, according to these reports.

The contest is to be decided by the officials of the National Corn show. Harvest in Wyoming occurs very late in August and in Alberta in September, so that the winner will not be announced until probably the first week in October.

**LONGEST BASEBALL GAME.**

Bloomington and Decatur Teams Played Twenty-six Innings.

Bloomington and Decatur of the Three I league recently broke at Bloomington, Ill., the world's professional record for long baseball games, playing twenty-six innings. Decatur won, 2 to 1.

The grounds were muddy and slippery, but the fielding on both sides was extraordinary, and the pitching of Burns and Clark was phenomenal. The game was called for fifteen minutes on account of the rain in the fifth inning. The actual playing time was four hours and twenty minutes. Bloomington scored its one run in the first-inning, while Decatur scored one in the third and one in the twenty-sixth. Bloomington made thirteen base hits and committed one error, while Decatur hit eleven times with two errors.

Bloomington after the long grind protested the game on the allegation that Fisher, who got to first on a dead ball and scored on a three bagger, cut second base.

**Novelty in Islands.**

A great French gun company has constructed an artificial island in the Mediterranean sea some distance out from Toulon to be used as an experimental station for torpedoes. It is called the "Ile des Torpilles," which means the Island of Torpedoes, and the method of its construction is ingenious. When the idea first presented itself to the company a small island in a proper locality was searched for, but without success. Therefore the company decided to build a hollow concrete island, float it to the position desired and sink it to the sea bottom. The huge structure, seventy-five feet long, fifty feet wide and about seventy feet in height, was constructed on the banks of the Seine, launched and towed to its position in the Mediterranean.

**Weather Charts in Schools.**

Study of weather charts is now general in the elementary schools of Hanover and Schleswig-Holstein with the object of making their value in agriculture better known.

**Enacting a Detective Story**

By HORACE D. GAYLORD.

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My cousin, Betty Archibald, is scatter-brained. As I was about to leave on the 5:30 train to spend the week end at her cottage by the sea she sent me this telegram:

"Vic will be at station at 5:15. Bring her down."

I knew no more who Vic was than the contents of a Hottentot newspaper. What should I do—go to the station and trust to luck? That was all I could do, and that I did.

There was the usual rush to get aboard that one finds on the last days of the week at trains going to seaside resorts. There were a dozen people ahead of me at the ticket office, among them a pretty girl to whom the agent gave a ticket to Manasquan, which was my station. Of course I took note of her and hoped she might turn out to be Vic, but there was only the reason of her destination. I walked about for ten minutes before the train started, observing every one who seemed to be looking for some one. All I could see were a youngster of eighteen who waited at the gate till the starting bell rang and a man with a dog, who leaned against a post.

As the train rolled off I entered a car, and there sat the girl with the Manasquan ticket. I stared at her, and, after looking at me for a moment, she dropped her eyes. Beside her on the seat was a suit case, which I noticed was marked V. T. That settled it. She must be Vic. Instead of approaching her and asking her if she was the girl I looked for I concluded to gain the information on the detective plan. It would be interesting to discover her identity by following the clew given me on her suit case. It would be more interesting to know her, she not knowing me. It would be downright fun to take her to my hostess, chaff her for her failure to give me proper information, then tell them both that by my ingenuity I had, after all, been enabled to do all that had been required of me. Raising my hat, I said to her:

"Pardon me, but I think we are going to the same station, and, arrived there, we will be entertained at the same house."

"Yes?" she replied, with a smile.

"You are going to Manasquan, I believe?"

"I am."

"And you will be the guest of my cousin?"

"I put the suit case on the floor, and I sat down beside her.

"Who is your cousin?"

"I have thought that it would be entertaining to have you see if by questioning me you can find out who I am and certain orders I have received respecting you."

"That would serve to while away the time we shall spend on the train."

"Will you begin?"

"Let me see. You are Harold Bliss?"

"No."

"Not Rose Dutton's fiance?"

"No. I wish I were any one's fiance."

"I give it up."

"Can't you guess my orders?"

"No."

"I am directed to be your escort."

"You don't mean it."

"Yes; I was telegraphed to meet you at the station to escort you to Manasquan and thence to—"

"Where?"

"To tell you would spoil all the fun."

"And," she said, after a little thought, "to tell you where I'm going would spoil all the fun too."

"It certainly would. The person from whom I received my orders is very careless and gave no clew by which to recognize you. Nevertheless I have secured a clew. Do you like to read detective stories?"

"I do not on them."

"Well, we are enacting a little detective story. When we get to the end of our journey we shall have the denouement."

"I dare say it will all be very clever. How did you happen to think of such a plan?"

"Manasquan!" shouted a trainman.

I picked up her suit case and left the car with her. I was about to hand her down the step when a gentleman put his own hand in ahead of me. He stared at me ominously. The lady said:

"Mack, this gentleman has entertained me delightfully on the train. He knows me, but I don't know him. He says he was ordered to escort me home."

I didn't like this feature of the affair at all.

"Come, Ginie, the carriage is waiting," said the young man, casting a suspicious glance at me.

"Heavens! Ginie!" I had blundered.

"Is not your first name Victoria?"

"Oh, no; it's Virginia!"

I got very red in the face and stood mute.

"The denouement is different," said the girl, "from what the story indicates. I admire such endings."

She smiled back at me with dancing eyes as she left with the man whom instinct told me was her fiance.

When I reached the Archibald cottage the first thing Bet said to me was:

"Where's Vic?"

"Who the dickens is Vic?" I asked angrily.

"My poodle. Thomas was to have her at the station for you. Didn't you see him?"

"Yes, I saw him," I growled, "but I didn't know him. The next time you make a request please be more explicit."

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